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HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

The following information was recorded by Alexander Piaget and Charles van Ravenswaay at the time the photograph was taken:

School building and dormitory [MO-1532-B] "a two story brick school building, fifty feet by twenty, was begun in September 1848...In 1851, an addition fifty by twenty feet was made to this building...and in 1852 another addition thirty-six by twenty-two feet was made to the school building, also a long two story porch in the rear, finished above with rooms for students. This building now stood complete, ornate with two gothic porticos and graceful buttresses between the windows. It contained, besides classrooms and dormitory, a library, and a very complete chemical apparatus..."

The President's House [MO-1532-A], built in 1854 is "...steep roofed, gabled English architecture, from plans made in England. It was cruciform in shape, the lower section being the three room Edmondson house, at whose west end a stately mansion of red brick, fifty-two by twenty-two feet, spread out into the arms of the cross, and a wide central hall, extending out in front formed the upper end. In every window was a cross from which the four glass sections opened inward over wide casements. French glass doors on the south overlooked a shrub bordered flower garden. This residence was built chiefly with the money obtained from the sale of the Clark Land."

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

Katharine Wainwright Mackey, "The Story of St. Paul's Church," (Palmyra, 1931), 2.

PROJECT INFORMATION

The Piaget-van Ravenswaay Survey consists of a number of photographs, primarily of sites and structures in Missouri, which were taken before 1938 by Alexander Piaget and after that by Paul Piaget, both in conjunction with Charles van Ravenswaay. Photographs of buildings were incorporated into the HABS collection in 1985 by Laura Kupp and in 1986 by Deborah Fulton, HABS historians. A master list is available in the ~~MO-1532~~ records for MO-1800.